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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Dear Sir:

This communication responds to the final Office Action mailed on June 23, 2005, in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The three-month shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on September 23, 2005. It is respectfully submitted that this reply, filed August 23, 2005, is timely filed within the two-month shortened statutory period ending August 23, 2005. However, if any extension period is required for this paper to be timely filed, Applicants hereby request an extension for such additional time period and authorize the appropriate fees therefore to be charged to the Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.

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